

Photojournalist lectures on pictures that made history

JOINTURE FOR COMMUNITY ADULT EDUCATION

BRIDGEWATER — The nonprofit Jointure for Community Adult Education has partnered with the nonprofit Adult School of the Chatham, Madison and Florham Park to expand lifelong learning opportunities. On Oct. 27, photojournalist Jim DelGiudice will present a lecture titled: "Gotcha, Snapshots That Made History." The lecture will be held 7 to 8:15 p.m. at the Bridgewater Raritan Middle School, 425 Foothill Road.

In this lecture, students will view photos that changed history by accident — why a snapshot of Abe Lincoln's tousled hair, for example, helped gain him the presidency, but one of Gary Hart on a yacht lost it for him. The class will also examine the photo's historical context and what it was that made the photographer say... "Gotcha!"

Jim DelGiudice has used his eyes and voice to document the New Jersey scene for more than half of his 56 years. His architectural photogra-

phy for books published by Rutgers University Press twice won him the state's Historic Preservation Award, and his plays have been produced by such venues as the Bickford Theatre and Kean University. He is an adjunct assistant professor at County College of Morris and also lectures frequently at Drew and Columbia Universities.

Advance registration is required. The cost is \$35 per student. There is a \$10 registration fee. Visit www.theadultschool.org to register or call 973-443-9222.



COURTESY OF HUNTERDON HUSKIES

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Hunterdon Huskies cheer teams compete at state competition

SUSAN LAVIGNE
HUNTERDON HUSKIES

TRENTON — Four Hunterdon Huskies cheer teams performed at the 2014 AYC Jersey Shore Cheer Championships, a state competition that includes all New Jersey associations who are part of the competitive national American Youth Football and Cheer organization (AYF/AYC).

Huskies Mitey Mites competed in the Division 8 Small Red (intermediate skill) category. The team took first place, were named the Jersey Shore Conference Champions and advanced to the 2014 AYC Big East Regional Cheer Championships.

Huskies Junior Pee Wee competed in the Division 10 Large Red (intermediate) category. The team placed third, earning them an advancement spot to the 2014 AYC Big East Region Championships. In addition, the



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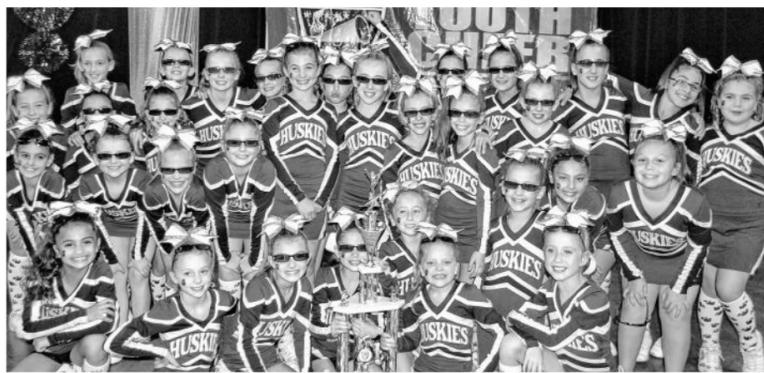
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team was awarded the "Best Use of Props" Specialty Award for the morning session.

Huskies Junior Midget competed in the Division 13 Large Blue category (the most advanced category). The team placed second and also qualified for the 2014 AYC Big East Region Championships.

Toward the end of the session, the Huskies Contender Cheer team took the mats. Made up of participants with special needs, the team dazzled the crowd and brought the entire arena to their feet.

For more information about Hunterdon Huskies, visit www.hunterdonhuskies.com.



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Senior Health Fair planned for Thursday

BRADLEY W. WADLOW

The Bridgewater Township Department of Human Services will host a Senior Health Fair on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bridgewater Senior Citizens Center.

The free event, a component of the Bridgewater Mayor's Wellness Campaign, will provide free health screenings and evaluations by certified health practitioners. Participants include the Robert Wood Johnson Somerset Community Health Department, Natural Medicine and Rehabilitation, the Community Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), Total Hearing Center, Doctors Express Urgent Care, Wegmans Bridgewater Pharmacy and the Cancer Support Community. In addition, numerous senior-oriented vendor



PHOTO FROM THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

A Senior Health Fair will be hosted by the Bridgewater Township Department of Human Services on Thursday. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bridgewater Senior Citizens Center, 455 Somerville Road in Bridgewater.

exhibits and service displays will be on view.

A free continental breakfast will be available from 10 to 11 a.m. The event will also feature door prizes and raffles courtesy of the exhibitors at the event.

The Mayor's Wellness Campaign is dedicated to promote active-living and healthy lifestyle initiatives in the community. For more information, contact the Bridgewater Township Department of Human Services at 908-725-5750 or email health@bridgewaternj.gov.

The Bridgewater Senior Citizens Center is at 455 Somerville Road in Bridgewater.

Travel

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Zaccagnino's hobby. The man with many interests and former careers — including concert musician, entrepreneur and computer game software developer — began simply by building model trains in the basement of an under-construction home 42 years ago.

Zaccagnino continued to imagine new scenes for his pastime for 18 years, leading him to build five basement additions to accommodate his model railways and their accompanying exhibits.

"I'm a worker and I'm an artist, and if you're an artist, you're compelled to pursue something," he said. "I feel like this is my one shot at life so I might as well do it well."

Persuaded by friends, Zaccagnino began to open his basement twice a year to the public, which brought such excitement that Zaccagnino decided to create a year-round attraction and opened Northlandz in late 1996. However, even with all of the press that followed, Zaccagnino remained, and continues to be, humble about his creation.

"I'm not here for an ego trip," he said. "I see this as a gift to the world. Period."

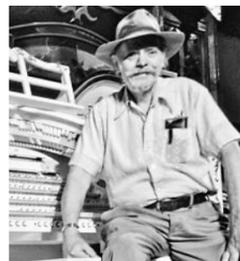
Years later, it still holds true. Zaccagnino said that teenagers come in rolling their eyes and seniors come in saying they have seen it all, but everyone comes out of the two- to three-hour tour impressed and happy to have seen the old-fashioned attraction, free of electronic screens or interactive games.

"Everyone thought that this wouldn't last long as a business," Zaccagnino said.



JENNA INTERSIMONE/STAFF PHOTO

The museum also holds an extensive doll and stuffed toy collection.



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Northlandz founder Bruce Williams Zaccagnino plays the 2,000-pipe theater organ on the weekends.

cagnino said. "The only one that believed in me was my wife, Jean, who I was married to for 33 years before she died eight years ago."

Northlandz isn't finished yet. Zaccagnino said he plans to expand the museum's doll collection, which takes dolls by donation only. He also has two new wings on the way that will include exhibits such as the Himalayas, Rocky Mountains and Hoover Dam. In spite of the expansive, worldly scenes that Zaccagnino has created, he has never been on a boat, plane or train.

"I have no desire to travel," he said. "I get bored easily."

Of the hundreds of scenes at Northlandz, Zaccagnino said he has no favorite.

If you go

Cost: \$13.75 for ages 13 and up; \$9.75 for children ages 2 to 12; free for children under 2; \$12.50 for seniors 62 and older

Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays; 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekends; closed Tuesdays

Time spent: One-mile tour takes two to three hours to complete

Address: 495 Route 202, Flemington

Info: 908-782-4022 or www.northlandz.com

"I'm like a woman with 10 kids — I can't have a favorite," he said. "It's all good. Every square inch of Northlandz was made to be funny or exciting."

Today, Zaccagnino still does most of the daily duties himself, with the help of one assistant, Rich.

"Most CEOs move to an executive position and then they farm out their duties," Zaccagnino said. "But I'm a worker. When I do something, I do it extreme."

Jenna Intersimone's "Life Aboard the Traveling Circus" column appears Tuesdays. Her "Life Aboard the Traveling Circus" blog is at MyCentralJersey.com, as well as LifeAboardtheTravelingCircus.com. Tweet her at @JIntersimone or email her at JIntersimone@MyCentralJersey.com.

Therapy

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deeply committed to making a difference through horticultural therapy. This team is comprised of Dr. Bruce Ettlinger, executive director/superintendent; Kim Mitchell-Rushmore, program director; Mary Perez, assistant director; Pat Czarnecki, horticultural therapist; Carol Mainardi, horticulture instructor; and other team members including Matt Clark and Jill Lynch.

"We are the facilitators of education, and we are trying to provide a bridge using horticultural therapy for these individuals to get jobs," Ettlinger said. "It is predicted that more than half a million people will be diagnosed on the spectrum of

autism in the next 10 years. At the age of 21 all services disappear. 'Falling off the cliff,' I call it, and the reason we built the greenhouse."

The new state-of-the-art greenhouse started out as a \$180,000 project, and has grown to a \$400,000 project.

The tiered overall vocational program offers internships, entrepreneurial enterprises, and supported employment. The horticultural therapy program, Czarnecki said, emphasizes development of vocational skills for TCI adults and designated TCI staff through five components: horticulture, greenhouse management, interior plantscaping, floral design and landscape design.

"Horticulture focuses on plant identification and use, transplanting, care requirements, propagation, production for

sale/consumption, adaptive tools, container plantings, pruning, integrated pest management, ethical growing and harvesting flowers, herbs and vegetables.

"Greenhouse management focuses on the day-to-day greenhouse activities, including monitoring temperature, light, water, fertilizer, pest management and other plant needs, greenhouse cleanup and maintenance and inventory management such as ordering, stocking and cleaning tools.

"Interior plantscaping emphasizes in-house service of plant care and maintenance.

"Floral design focuses on basic floral design concepts, floral supplies and materials, flower selection, handling, conditioning (fresh, silk and dried flowers), seasonal, special occasion, and ev-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE-THE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE

The horticultural therapy program at the The Children's Institute-The Center For Independence in Livingston aims to help clients with vocational skills, promoting physical, social, and emotional well-being.

eryday designs, assembly techniques, ribbons/bows/ornamentation, sentiments, packaging, pricing, inventory and customer service.

"Landscape design includes site assessment, design, plant selection, installation, maintenance, and management of small-scale site beautification projects, proper

use and maintenance of tools.

Through the horticultural therapy program, Czarnecki said, the team seeks to provide vocational training to help clients develop marketable skills through the five components, promote development of social skills, ability to problem solve and follow direction

through interactions with peers, instructors, teachers, customers, employers and the public, and promote personal growth by improving physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

"We are measuring the effectiveness of the horticulture training through various pre- and post-test tools," Czarnecki added.

"We cannot separate the horticulture from the horticultural therapy in this setting if we want CFI clients to achieve success and work in the horticulture industry," Mainardi said.

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